

REMARKS

This application is amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the indication of allowable subject matter of claim 16-51.

Oath or Declaration

The Official Action objected to the previously filed Declaration for not including the application number and filing date. The Declaration and Power of Attorney signed April 2005 is included with this amendment.

Status of the Claims

Claims 26, 27, 38, 43, 44 and 45 are amended as to form.

Claims 30, 35, 48 and 49 are amended to describe the "amount" in a manner consistent with paragraph [0087] of the published specification. Claims 30 and 48 are further amended to remove the specific sulphates.

Claims 52 and 53 are new and recite the specific types of sulphates previously recited in claims 30 and 48, respectively.

Claims 16-51 remain pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §112

Claims 30-35, 48 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons below.

The Official Action objected to the "effective amount" recited in claims 30, 35, 48 and 49, and the "in particular" recited in claims 30 and 48.

Claims 30, 35, 48 and 49 now describe the "amount" as one *"which is at least equal to that which allows said adhesive composition to confer, onto a final corrugated fibreboard properties of resistance to water according to the FEFCO No. 9 test"*, i.e., consistent with paragraph [0087] of the published specification.

The "in particular" expressions in claims 30 and 48 are deleted and are now recited in claims 52 and 53, respectively.

Therefore, the claims are definite, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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